State-wise. Measures like improvement of intersections, road signs and markings, grade separators and flyovers are considered to avoid accidents on intersections.

(c) and (d) No specific request for removal of trees contributing to accidents on National Highways has been received from States. According to Ministry's guidelines, trees constituting safety hazards and contributing to accidents should be removed and compensatory plantation usually twice the number of trees cut should be provided.

Connecting major ports with National Highways

1745. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to link major ports with National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely investment to be made to improve port connectivity;

(c) whether villages in the country would also be connected to National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to develop adequate road connectivity to. ten major ports in the country through 4-lane National Highway/State Road.

(b) Details are given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Port Connectivity Projects

Sl. No.	Port	Stretches for development	Length in km	Cost Rs. in crores	Target for completion
1.	Paradip	NH-5A (from 0 to km 74)	74	350	Sept 2005
2.	Haldia	NH-41 (from Kolaghat on NH-6 to Haldia	53	220	April 2005

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Vishakapatnam	State Road	12	80	Dec 2004
4.	Chennai & Ennore	Chennai-Ennore Express way	6	140	Dec 2005
5.	Tuticorin	NH-7A (Tuticorin-Tirvelvalli Section	57	175	Sept 2005
6.	Cochin	NH-47 (from Km. 348/382 Km. 358/300) including 5 major bridges	10	100	June 2005
7.	New Mangalore	NH-17 (Kasaragodu-Mangalore-Udupi section) & NH-48 (Mangalore-Bantwal section)	37	140	Sept 2005
8.	Mormugao	NH-17B (from Port to Vema Junction On NH-17)	18	53	Sept 2003
9.	JNPT	Package-I NH-4B + NH 4	30	143	Aug 2004
		Package-I I SH + 54 + Amra Marg + Panvel Creek bridge	16	130	April 2005
10.	Kandla	NH-8A (Samkhiali-Gandhidham)	56	191	Completed
		TOTAL	363	1722	

Golden Quadrangle

1746. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN 'DURRIT:
DR.AKHILESHDAS:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in the survey and alignment of the Golden Quadrangle, the highway connecting the four metros; and

(b) whether the eastern and western express wrap form part of the Quadrangle and the precise alignment of these expressways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.). B.C. KHANDURI): (a)They survey and alignment for Golden Quadrilateral Project have already